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UNIT FOR A BLADE, SHARPENING
METHOD AND BLADE FOR SAID MACHINE

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R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed February 6, 2008. Applicants have considered the outstanding official action. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are directed to patentable subject matter as set forth below.

The outstanding rejections are as follows:

- (1) Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. Re. 30,598 (Spencer) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,967 B1 (Schultz) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,484,327 (Kovach), or